





# Link Light Rail (Spring 2005)

Sound Transit's Central Link light rail system will bolster our region's economy and connect our neighborhoods to new opportunities. Link is expected to bring hundreds of jobs to the city during its construction, and once completed serve 42,500 daily riders.

The Seattle Department of Transportation has taken the lead in overseeing the City's role in Link construction. In 1998, the City's Design, Planning and Arts Commissions established the Light Rail Review Panel to provide an integrated review of the Sound Transit light rail project. The panel's goal is to create a high quality light rail system for the city of Seattle and the region. The  $light\ rail\ system\ in\ Seattle\ offers\ an\ opportunity\ not\ just\ to\ build\ a\ transportation\ system,\ but\ to$ build better communities around the stations.





### Waterfront Plan (Summer 2005)

A once-in-a-century opportunity to create a new front porch for Seattle

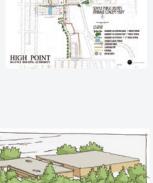
Over the years Seattle's central waterfront has evolved from a frontier wilderness to a major economic center, fueling growth in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. In recent years the Alaskan Way Viaduct and the seawall along the central waterfront have been damaged and weakened. This condition has thrust the waterfront toward yet another major milestone in its evolution.

Seattle's Central Waterfront Plan defines the community's vision for the future of this important community resource – a vision that realizes the area's role as the city's "front porch" – and will develop an implementation program that will turn the vision into reality. The plan focuses on potential new public and private uses and design for the water's edge, shoreline areas and adja-









#### High Point (Fall 2005)

Ensuring the well-being of residents by responding to the community, topography, location, geography and character of West Seattle

Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) is underway with redevelopment of existing affordable housing on a massive scale. The project is built upon sustainable design principles rooted in the  $\,$ total reconfiguration of the landscape and buildings of the High Point garden community in West Seattle. The site is literally being refashioned from the ground up. SHA's commitment to sustainability includes implementing the deconstruction technique, as well as developing a soft drainage system and creating environmentally healthier homes.

The project will be completed in two phases. The first phase focuses on the northern half of the site and housing construction is already underway there with the first rental units expected to be complete in the summer of 2005. When it is finished, this new community will offer high-quality, updated housing and neighborhood facilities for 1,600 families at all income levels. Nearby, the City has recently invested in a new branch library, an expanded community center and street improvements along 35th Avenue Southwest, improving services to the area.

## Northgate (Winter 2006)

Communities, business and government, working together to create a vital neighborhood

The Northgate Urban Center is starting to become the long-envisioned urban neighborhood that the residents have wanted. Major private investments in the area focus on the Northgate Mall site and include a redeveloped east entry and a new large mixed-use development on the South Lot. Public investments include a public park, a community center and library, street improvements on 5th Avenue Northeast, a coordinated transportation investment plan, a storm water management/open space project, and a new mixed-use project at the King County-Metro transit station. In all these efforts, 5th Avenue Northeast is being established as the spine of the new neighborhood. Phased street improvements, additional open spaces and improved pedestrian connections to the surrounding neighborhoods are also envisioned.

Currently, the City has formed and continues to staff the Northgate Stakeholders Group to provide broad-based representation of residential, business, property owner and citizen interests. This group is working to evaluate proposals and advise decision makers on key issues affecting the Northgate area.

